

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1335 - SB 1182

March 24, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a health care practitioner who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a patient's injuries were caused by domestic violence or abuse to report such injuries to the Department of Health within 15 days of the date the practitioner has knowledge or suspects the cause of such injuries are the result of such violence or abuse.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health will place a notice of the proposed changes on the Department's website and in the newsletters of the affected providers, resulting in a not significant increase in expenditures to the Department.
- There will be an increased number of health care practitioners registering on the Department's web-based Domestic Violence reporting system and an increased number of reports of suspected domestic violence cases. Any costs incurred as a result of the higher utilization of the system will be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Any rulemaking and necessary disciplinary actions for violations of the provisions of this bill can be accomplished during regularly scheduled meetings of the affected licensing boards.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Division of Health Related Boards had a balance of \$5,416,959.35.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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